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LIMOUSINE CARRIER FINED FOR OPERATING DURING SUSPENSION OF PERMIT – FOR BIG THINGS LIMOUSINE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2, 2004 -- The California Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Consumer Protection and Safety Division this month fined a limousine operator after an investigation of his operations and practices disclosed numerous violations of the Public Utilities Code and Commission rules and regulations. An administrative citation was issued to Vincent Robert Gutierrez, who does business as For Big Things Limousines, alleging that he:

- Employed workers without having evidence of workers' compensation insurance coverage on file with the Commission;
- Failed to monitor the driving records of his drivers through participation in the Employer Pull Notice Program administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- Failed to comply with the Commission's Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Program, including mandatory pre-employment drug testing of drivers;
- Conducted the business as a limited liability company without holding an operating permit from the Commission under that legal entity;
- Failed to comply with laws that are intended to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors while riding in a limousine;
- Operated during a period when his permit was suspended for failure to pay regulatory fees to the Commission.

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